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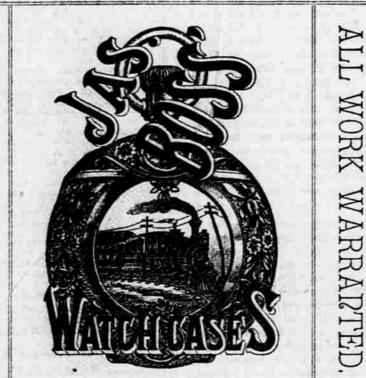
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It may be added that all the best engineers in Europe and America have given Capt. Ead's plan their endorsement, and it only remains to obtain the necessary capital, when the work will be begun and prosecuted to a successful completion. Several surveys have already been made to find a suitable route across the Isthmus, and the distance it is known can be reduced to 134 miles of track, at a cost not to exceed fifty millions, though Capt. Eads himself believes he can complete the entire work at a total cost of thirty-five millions. The result of this mammoth undertak. ing will be to revolutionize the carrying trade of the world, and cannot fail to be of incalculable benefit to the people, not only of America, but of Europe and Asia. To the people of the entire Mississippi Valley it must especially prove of vast commer-cial interest opening up, as it must, new and most desirable trade with the entire Pacific coast, and its now far-off Islands. This route will reduce the distance of ocean travel between San Francisco and New Orleans 12,551 miles below that via Cape Horn, and lessen the distance between the former city and New York, by water, 10,797 miles, and between San Francisco and Liverpool the Ship Railway will reduce the ocean travel from 15, 803 via Cape Horn to 7,527 miles or a saving of fifty per cent. Any one can thus see what important results are inevitable on the completion of the new route. That conflicting in-terests are likely to antagonize the enterprize may readily be expected, but when the people learn of its certain advantages they will over ride all opposition and compel the necessary aid to insure its success, which will be another step towards the solution of the vexed question of cheap transportation. Mr. E. L. Corthell, Chief Engineer, is in charge of the "model" to explain it and illustrate the com-mercial features by a large map of the world.

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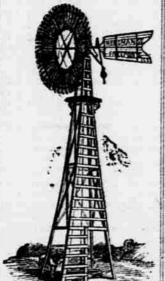
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